



The Professional Center  
for Child Development

## PCCD Preschool a Natural Transition from Two-by-Two and Early Intervention

Our preschool philosophy emphasizes personal relationships and respect for the individual. We want every student to feel a sense of belonging to a community as well as building their confidence, sense of well-being, and joy in learning. When children feel safe, secure and supported, their confidence grows as well as their willingness to explore and learn.

Children moving on from EI and 2x2 to the PCCD Preschool will continue to be challenged and supported during these important first educational experiences.

### Why It's a Natural Transition

- ◆ Children are familiar with The Center, staff and playground
- ◆ Play-based philosophy with an added emphasis on cooperative play
- ◆ Integration with children of all abilities
- ◆ Small student/teacher ratio and individual attention to every learner
- ◆ Providing a consistent, warm and nurturing presence
- ◆ Continued parental involvement

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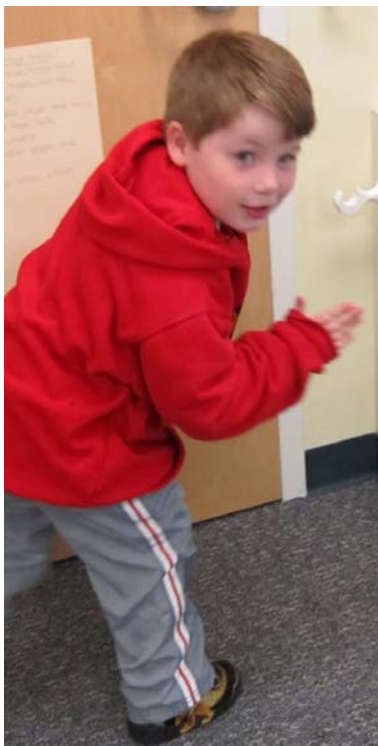
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Andover, MA 01810  
and

130 Parker Street,  
Lawrence, MA 01843

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### Programs at the PCCD

- ◆ Early Intervention
- ◆ Developmental Day School
- ◆ Two-by-Two & EI play groups
- ◆ Regional Consultation Program (RCP)
- ◆ Private Therapy & PCCD Preschool



### Charlie and the PCCD

Our son, Charlie, is in the 2x3 PCCD Preschool. Charlie has been attending the various programs at the PCCD since he was two, after being referred to Early Intervention by his pediatrician for a speech delay.

We have seen tremendous growth this past year in our son. Charlie is truly excited to go to school to play outside, draw, and do whatever else is planned for the morning. The greatest pleasure we have as his parents is having such a lengthy conversation of what he did that day on our car ride home! Charlie's language and vocabulary have improved considerably and we have his wonderful teachers to thank!

This is Charlie's last year at The Professional Center for Child Development since he is off to kindergarten in the fall and it will be incredibly difficult to say goodbye. The teachers and staff have been so amazing to our son. Thank you for everything.

~ By Parents Craig and Sandra

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## From The Desk of The Executive Director

The spring season at the Center was wonderful. The warm weather and dry days allowed the use of our playground almost every day through the season and into the summer. The children are enjoying our beautiful sensory garden and the freedom of being outside to play. As we gear up for our summer activities there is a sense of excitement and anticipation. There are several new children joining us for our summer adventure program. We will also be welcoming our summer student volunteers to help in the classrooms and with outdoor activities.

Our Spring "Swing into Spring" Gala was a great success. We raised almost \$70,000.00 to help provide many wonderful services and activities for our children. Dr. Robert Nelken received our Community Service Award for his wonderful work with children and families in our community, our Commonwealth and around the world. Ellsworth (Elly) Evans received our "Children's First" Award for his patient and loving volunteer work adapting switches for the toys some of our students use in their play. He inserts battery packs and wires adapted switches for many of our toys and some of equipment. He also repairs broken toys. Elly was an engineer before he retired.

As we move through the celebration of our summer holidays and warm weather days, we are already planning our Trot for Tots. We hope that you will join us on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at our Andover site for the Annual 5K run and walk. We have many wonderful sponsors and donors supporting us this year, and we have some special plans for making it a truly special fall family event. We hope that you and your family will be able to come to share in this very unique event. In addition to the race, walk, awards and prizes, we have a cookout and costume parade for the children. Please contact the Center at 978-475-3806 or go to [www.TheProfessionalCenter.org](http://www.TheProfessionalCenter.org) if you want more information. If you would like to sponsor, donate, or volunteer please call The Center for further information. We welcome and are very grateful for your help.

We are looking forward to safe and happy summer with our friends and neighbors. We also have some special plans for our summer session programs. Please contact the Center for more information. Happy Summer!

Veryl D. Anderson, RN  
Executive Director



### One of the areas only drop off play groups for young children

A play & educational experience designed especially for toddlers that integrate children of all developmental levels.

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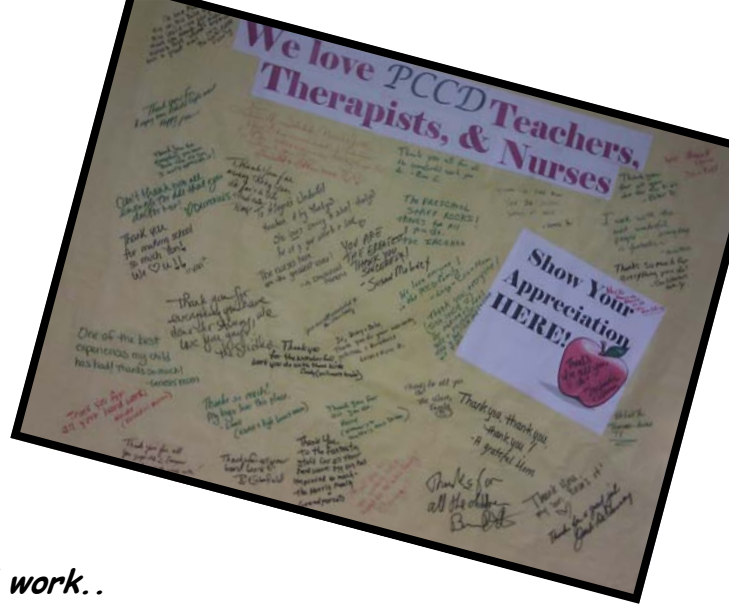
**Thank you for choosing the PCCD for your child's first educational experience.**



# "We Love PCCD Teachers, Therapists & Nurses"

an appreciation bulletin board hung in the Andover  
and Lawrence Centers for the month of June.

Thanks for your kind words...



**"The Nurses are the greatest!"**

- A Day School Parent

**"Thank you to the fantastic staff for all their hard work..**

**My son has Improved so much.."** —The Morris family

**" You are the greatest! Thank you sincerely!"** - Susan Moloney

**"We love PCCD! Ms Jenn, Ms Dulce, and Ms Leslie ~ we can't thank you enough for making Mateo's first "school" experience such a great one."** - Love, The Cuteo-Potts Family

## 2 Summer Activities PCCD Family Friendly Fun

What: **Bedtime Story Hour**

Date: July 24, 2012

Time: 6:30 to 7:30

Location: PCCD, 32 Osgood St.  
Andover

What: **Pajama Music Time**

Date: August 21, 2012

Time: 6:30 to 7:30

Location: PCCD, 32 Osgood Street - Andover

- ◆ Come dressed for bed
- ◆ Stuffed friends are welcome
- ◆ Bedtime snack will be provided (milk & cookies)

PCCD children, siblings, parents and caregivers  
are invited to join us for both activities

Please RSVP - [Ellen@TheProfessionalCenter.org](mailto:Ellen@TheProfessionalCenter.org) or ext. 217



## Bed in summer

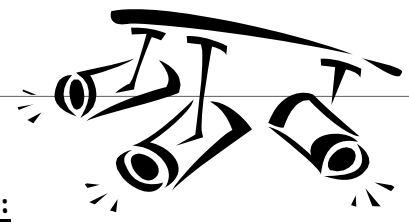
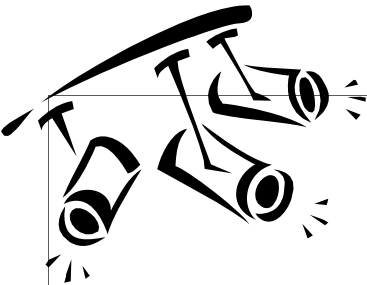
By: Robert Louis Stevenson

In winter I get up at night,  
And dress by yellow candle light.  
In summer, quite the other way,  
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see  
The birds still hopping on the tree,  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet  
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to go to bed by day?

# Staff Spotlight



**Name:** Katie Wozniak, DPT, CEIS  
**Education:** UMass Lowell  
**Position:** Physical Therapist in the PCCD Early Intervention Program (EIP)  
**Years at the PCCD:** 8 years

**Thoughts about working at the PCCD:**

"My experience at the Professional Center has been amazing! The people I work with are genuine, fun, and supportive. They are such an impressive group. The same can be said for the families involved with EI. I feel blessed to be a part of so many families' lives and to be given the opportunity to work with such remarkable children."

**Name:** Julie Doherty, RN  
**Education:** Middlesex Community College  
**Position:** Nurse in the Developmental Day School  
**Years at the PCCD:** 1 Year

**Thoughts about working at the PCCD:** "I love working here! These kids make me smile everyday, they are the best. My co-workers are great too!"

**Name:** Alice Gregory, BSDS  
**Education:** Ithaca College  
**Position:** Developmental Specialist in the PCCD EIP  
**Years at the PCCD:** 4 years

**Thoughts about working at the PCCD:**

"This is a wonderful place to work - everyone is kind, supportive and helpful. It is a pleasure to work with the children and families it makes the job that much more meaningful. My job is rewarding in both groups and home visits. Thank you to everyone for helping me look forward to each and every day."

## **NCSEAM Family Survey Update** By: Suzanne Gottlieb, Director of Family Initiatives DPH

—from the Parent Leadership Project Parent *Perspective* Summer 2012

Dear Families,

Early Intervention programs distributed over 4,000 NCSEAM Family Surveys in March. In order for the Department of Public Health (DPH) to truly understand how EI services are working for families, we need to hear from you. Your input tells us, and your EI program, how effective and useful provided services really are.

We hope you found the new, shortened version of the family survey easier to fill out. If you haven't already done so, please complete your survey in pencil and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Surveys can be returned anytime up until December 1, 2012 and they will be counted. However, if you are like so many of us, "what doesn't get done today doesn't get done at all". Don't wait. Finish your survey and send it back as soon as you can. Your voice counts! Make sure we hear it!

Thank you!

### **Family Survey Frequently Asked Questions**

1. My EI services are great. I ask my Service Coordinator all the time why do I have to fill out a NCSEAM Family Survey?  
*It's the only way the Department of Public Health can get your feedback directly. Please fill out and return the Family Survey.*
2. I'm still confused about the NCSEAM Family Survey and why it is so important.  
*Talk to your EI Service Coordinator and ask for more information and help in understanding the process. You may also contact the EI Parent Leadership Project toll free at: 877-353-4757 to talk to another parent.*

# Day School Goes Hollywood

The Developmental Day School, well known for their outstanding performances, did not disappoint with their recent extravaganza featuring the release of their new movie, a preview of coming attractions, and of course the presentation of Academy Awards. VIP's in attendance at this red carpet premier event responded with rave reviews. This comes as no surprise to anyone who knows the beautiful and talented Day School movie stars who always light up the screen.



VIP guests arrived along the PCCD Walk of Fame which featured the beautifully decorated hand and foot prints of the Day School movie stars. Once inside the "ballroom" guests could view the stunning black and white head shots of the beautiful stars elegantly displayed on a red background.

With a gorgeous Hollywood backdrop, Day School stars arrived and made their way down the red carpet stopping for an interview question and of course posed for photos. We were delighted to have our lovely and entertaining red carpet hostesses Mary Jurek & Vianna DeOleo on hand for the festivities, which included the presentation of the Oscar statuettes for all of our "Best Actor" winners.

Guests in attendance were first to see the preview for the upcoming film "Extreme Day School" which judging from the crowd reaction is sure to be another winner. Then we moved onto the feature presentation, a movie set to the song "What Makes You Beautiful". The movie captures Day School students and staff during regular activities on typical school days, doing what they do.....working, playing, singing, dancing, laughing, and sleeping (not the staff sleeping). What can clearly be seen through the smiling faces in this fabulous movie are happiness, fun and friendships. That is what school is all about!



And what red carpet academy award event would be complete without a fabulous after party? Guests were treated to a huge spread of delicious food including a great cake specially decorated for the occasion (thanks Julie).

Special thanks to Susan Lunt, classroom assistant for all the time and energy creating these two outstanding movies. And big thanks to Vianna DeOleo, our other creative force, who with Susan coordinated all aspects of this event. Everyone in the Day School also had a role in making this spectacular event come together, THANKS TO ALL!

*By: Linda Sliwoski, M.Ed.—Director of the PCCD Developmental Day School*

Family TIES of Massachusetts is pleased to announce that **Deb Candeloro** (Deb is the mother of a PCCD graduate) is the new Northeast Regional Coordinator. She will provide information and referral services to families looking for community-based programs to address their children's special needs.

Call Deb to say hello and share your family's story at  
978-851-7261 x4018, or email her at: [dcandeloro@fcsn.org](mailto:dcandeloro@fcsn.org)



# Good Old Fashioned Fun

A fun time was had by all at the "Everyone on Wheels" party hosted by the Northeast Regional Consultation Program on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at Skateland in Bradford, Massachusetts. Families from the Regional Consultation Program, PCCD Developmental Day School, and PCCD Early Intervention Program circled the rink in strollers, wheelchairs and roller skates, with a total attendance of 65. Some brave children and parents tried roller skating for the first time and a daring group mastered the Hokey Pokey and Chicken Dance. Angela Davis, a 19 year old 2-time



winner of U.S. National Champion Gold Medals graciously donated her time to perform for us. The evening felt like good old fashioned fun and it was great to see the wonderful families we have met getting a chance to meet each other.

Rachel Daniels and Christy Murray  
Northeast RCP Directors

*The RCP assists families and children with complex medical issues. The RCP at The PCCD services Early Intervention Programs in Northeastern Mass. If you feel that your child may qualify for the RCP, please contact your service coordinator.*

## PCCD Board of Directors

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**PCCD Executive Director,**  
Ms. Veryl Anderson

## PCCD Schedule of Events...

Ongoing Two-by-Two/Three, Day School and Agency tours  
7/24/12 Bedtime Story Hour (page 3)  
8/21/12 Pajama Music Time (page 3)  
9/30/12 20th Annual Trot for Special Tots  
10/11/12 "Caring for the Caregiver" workshop  
Spring 2013 PCCD's Swing Into Spring Gala

## PCCD Wish List *Donating from the "Wish List" is easy. Just Call the Center.*

- ◆ *Riding or walk behind lawn mower with grass collection system (new or gently used)*
- ◆ *Gas or Electric hedge trimmer, lawn trimmer and/or gas powered back pack leaf blower*
- ◆ *Items for our silent auction and Road Race prizes*
- ◆ *Art Supplies, Bubbles and Play Doh*      ◆ *Batteries AA, C, D, 9 volt*
- ◆ *Printing of agency newsletter or brochures*
- ◆ *Car seats new or used (in good condition)*
- ◆ *Gift certificates (BJ's and Market Basket, Toys' R Us, gas cards)*

## Family Involvement in Early

### Intervention

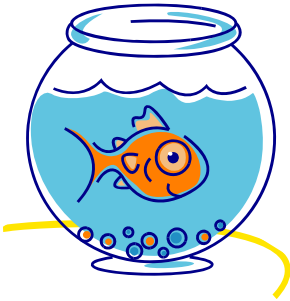
Parent Leadership Project 1-877-35-EI-PLP

The Project's main goal is to promote lifetime advocacy and leadership skills, and work to develop an informed parent constituency which will, in turn, encourage Early Intervention services to be increasingly family centered. As a parent initiated and parent driven endeavor, the PLP continually seeks family input regarding the needs of EI families in our state. Identifying these needs helps determine future direction for the project as well as the EI system as a whole.

The Parent Perspective is a free newsletter written by and for parents distributed 8 times a year. Parents are invited to submit articles. The Professional Center frequently submits articles and information to this publication. contact the PLP to receive the newsletter.

Become more involved...

Join a statewide committee or task group with The Massachusetts Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC).



You can make The Professional Center for Child Development even better...

*~ Join the Friends of The Center ~*

*~ Volunteer for an event ~*

## Family Rights in Early Intervention Services

In your intake packet, each family received a brochure on family rights in EI. If you would like another copy, please ask your service coordinator.

If more information is needed, The Department of Public Health has written standards for the operation of Early Intervention Programs and written procedures that protect your rights. You may get a copy of these at The PCCD or by going on the DPH web site.

Early Intervention services in Massachusetts are provided in compliance with federal regulations.

This newsletter is designed to share information with families colleagues, the community, and contributors. The newsletter is coordinated by Ellen Waddill (the PCCD Parent Liaison) and is edited by Ellen, Emily Knapp, those who write articles & other PCCD staff.

To contribute articles, stories, poetry, etc.,

please call Ellen at ext. 217 or [Ellen@TheProfessionalcenter.org](mailto:Ellen@TheProfessionalcenter.org)

### Family TIES of Massachusetts

(TIES—Together In Enhancing Support)

A statewide information and support network for families of children with disabilities, special health care needs, or chronic illness.

[MassFamilyTies.org](http://MassFamilyTies.org)

1-800-905-TIES

## "Friends of The Center"

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift to help The PCCD provide services and support for families and children as has been done for nearly 4 decades. With your help, PCCD will expand services, develop new programs, and make facility improvements.

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## Save The Date

Sunday 9-30-12

Trot for Special Tots

- ◆ Join the fun
- ◆ Bring the family
- ◆ Mark your calendar
- ◆ Door prizes and Ribbons
- ◆ Push children in strollers
- ◆ Medals to age group race winners
- ◆ Walk, run or come for the cookout



20th Annual Trot

## Would you like to make a suggestion or comment?

A suggestion box will be in the foyer of  
the Andover site for the month of July and  
in Lawrence the month of August.  
Or feel free to email your thoughts to  
[Ellen@TheProfessionalCenter.org](mailto:Ellen@TheProfessionalCenter.org)

**Get Hooked  
on Reading!**

